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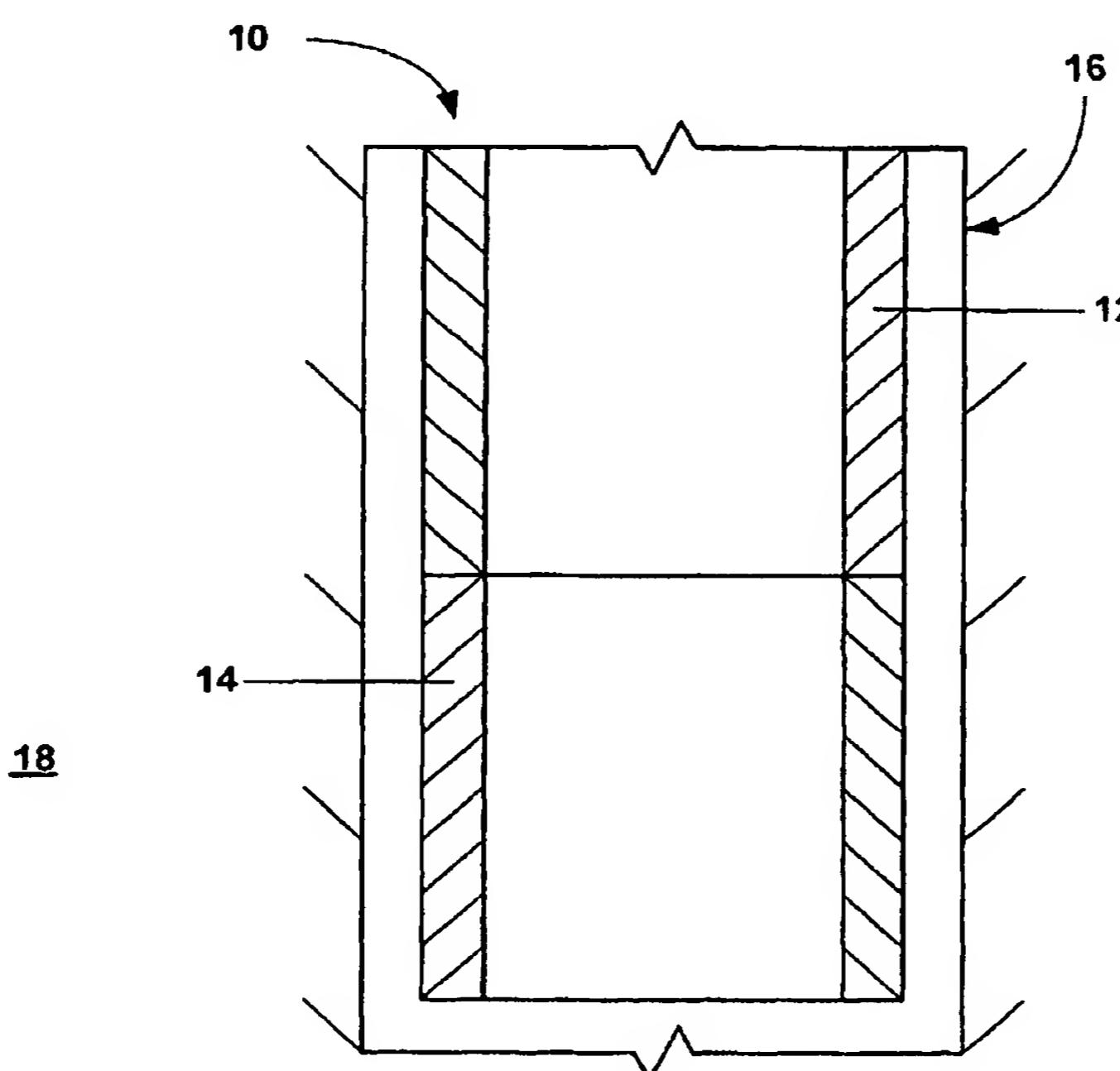
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,263,968 B (Freeman et al.) 24 July 2001 (24.07.2001), Figs 8-9 and col. 10, lines 15-45.	1,5,8,9,11,12,14-17,45-50
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 76-848
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
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4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
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Continuation of Box II Reason 2:

The application was originally filed with a total of 848 claims. PCT Article 6 states that the claims shall be clear and concise. The application does not meet this requirement, even assuming for the sake of argument that the individual claims are clear and concise in themselves, because the lack of clarity of the claims as a whole arises from the lack of conciseness. The presentation of 848 claims makes it difficult if at all possible to determine the matter for which protection is sought and to determine whether unity is present. It also places an undue burden on third parties to ascertain the subject matter encompassed by the claims. It is also noted that PCT Rule 6.1(a) requires that the number of claims shall be reasonable in consideration of the nature of the invention claimed. Accordingly, for the above identified application, applicant was required to choose no more than six independent claims and no more than seventy-five total claims for searching within the time period set forth above. The applicant did not respond within the time period, therefore the first seventy-five claims were examined as representative of the invention.